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SUBJ: EC OFFICIALS REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS IN INDOCHINA AND
KOREAN PENINSULA

REF: EC BRUSSELS 4447

1. EC PERMDEL AND COUNCIL SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS INFORM US
THAT ON MAY 26 THE EC COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTA-
TIVES (COREPER) RECEIVED A REPORT FROM EC COMMISSION
DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS DEKERGORLAY
ON A RECENT INITIATIVE BY NORTH KOREA. ACCORDING TO THESE
SOURCES, THE NORTH KOREAN REPRESENTATIVE TO UNESCO HAS
SENT A LETTER TO THE EC COMMISSION REQUESTING INFORMATION
ON EC TRADE POLICY AND OTHER MATTERS. DE KERGORLAY SUG-
GESTED THAT HE BE AUTHORIZED TO MEET WITH THE NORTH
KOREANS FOR EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THEIR
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DESIRES. COREPER AGREED TO THIS SUGGESTION.

2. AN OFFICIAL ON DE KERGORLAY'S STAFF WHO DEALS WITH
RELATIONS WITH STATE-TRADING COUNTRIES (MOZZICAFREDO)
HAS TOLD US THE COMMISSION IS INCLINED NOT TO READ TOO
MUCH INTO THIS DPRK OVERTURE. PERMDEL SOURCES, ON THE
OTHER HAND, SAY THAT THE NORTH KOREAN INITIATIVE HAS

TAKEN THEM BY SURPRISE; THEY DO NOT KNOW IF THIS IS A FIRST STEP TOWARD A POSSIBLE DPRK PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH THE EC. THESE OFFICIALS EXPECT THAT THE SOUTH KOREANS WOULD OPPOSE ANY SUCH MOVE. THEY ADD THAT CURRENTLY THE EC HAS NO ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT OR OTHER FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH KOREA, OUR SOURCES SPECULATE THAT THE EC MIGHT CONSIDER A MORE FORMAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOUTH KOREANS THAN IT HAS HAD IN THE PAST, ESPECIALLY IF THE EC SHOULD MOVE TOWARD SOME SORT OF RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE DPRK.

3. EC OFFICIALS ADD THAT COREPER HAS REACHED AGREEMENT ON A PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE VIET-NAM (SRV) UNDER THE EC TRADE REGIME FOR STATE TRADING COUNTRIES, WITH SELECTED LIBERALIZED IMPORT QUOTAS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBER STATES. (SEE REF. A.) THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IS EXPECTED TO ADOPT THIS PROPOSAL SHORTLY. EC OFFICIALS ADD THAT THEY ALSO PLAN TO SWITCH LAOS AND CAMBODIA FROM THE GATT-REGIME TO THE STATE TRADING REGIME. A COUNCIL WORKING GROUP WILL BE ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY TO PREPARE SUCH A PROPOSAL. HINTON

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